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1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT OF TRADE INQUIRY (REFTEL), WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: THE GROUP FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII WILL CONSIST OF SIX OR SEVEN BUSINESSMEN, BUT THEY WILL NOT BE TRAVELING TOGETHER. MOST WILL BE ATTENDING TO OTHER BUSINESS (INCLUDING IN SOME CASES THE GIFT SHOW BEFORE THE FAIR) ON ROUTE TO OR FROM MANILA. THUS THEIR DATES AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS WILL DIFFER. TOM SAKATA IS SENDING DEPARTMENT A LETTER IDENTIFYING MEMBERS OF GROUP, AND WE WILL PASS THIS INFORMATION ON WHEN RECEIVED.

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2. JOHN TUTTLE REPORTS THAT PREPARATIONS FOR JAYCEE CONFERENCE IN MANILA IN NOVEMBER HAS REQUIRED NEARLY FULL TIME AND MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE GROUP FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH DICK KIRK FROM WASHINGTON STATE YET AND WILL ADVISE WHEN WE DO.

3. VIRGEL CLARK HAS ASKED THAT YOU CHECK WITH FAIR

AND FORESTRY IS STILL ON. HE AND FAIR SECRETARIAT HAD BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT AND HAD SCHEDULED SEMINAR FOR MAY 22-23. CLARK NOW REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT MEMBER STATES HAVE DISSOLVED PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL COMMISSION, AND HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH FAIR SECRETARIAT FOR ABOUT A MONTH. CLARK AND SECOND MEMBER OF TEAM ARE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH SEMINAR AS SCHEDULED AND HAVE PREPARED THREE PRESENTATIONS OF 30-45 MINUTES EACH ON FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER SEMINAR IS STILL ON CALENDAR AND WHAT FURTHER FAIR SECRETARIAT NEEDS TO KNOW TO GO FORWARD WITH ARRANGEMENTS.

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